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H.K. REPATRIATE SHIP IN GALE "Empress of Australia" Unable to Dock

Those Brides!

Brisbane, Oct. 27. The last big group of the United States Military personnel sailed home aboard the 18,000-ton "Matsonia" yesterday amid special precautions against Australian brides stowing away. There were nearly three thousand Americans aboard. —Associated Press.

NAVAL DOCKYARD TRAGEDY

THE NAVAL DOCKYARD WAS THE SCENE OF TRAGEDY ON FRIDAY NIGHT WHEN AN ABLE SEAMAN IN H.M. OIL-TANKER "WAVE KING" FELL FORTY FEET INTO THE DRY DOCK AND WAS FATALLY INJURED.

A. B. Thomas Wheeler, he was returning to the ship from the swimming pool slipped on one of the rings at the side of the dock and toppled over.

He received severe head injuries and was rushed to the Queen Mary Hospital, but he died at 2 a.m. yesterday morning.

The deepest sympathy is expressed by his shipmates with the relatives of A. B. Wheeler, who was very popular aboard.

The funeral takes place this morning at 10 a.m. with full naval honours.

Reporter's Paris Hoax

PARIS, OCT. 27. A FRENCH NEWSPAPER REPORTER, CHRISTIAN BASQUE, OF "PARIS MATIN," HAS CLAIMED THAT HE CONTROLLED THE FRENCH RADIO FOR TWO DAYS AS A PRACTICAL JOKE.

The reporter said he dropped into the French Broadcasting House and established himself as controller of French broadcasting without anyone inquiring who he was.

He added that he censored all texts for policy before they were broadcast, presided at staff meetings and finally interrupted a musical broadcast to tell listeners that they would read his report on broadcasting in "Paris Matin."

The French radio, issuing an official explanation last night, said: "The practical joke was possible only because the reporter presented himself as a representative of the Ministry of Information, thus using illegally a title which opened all doors to him." —Reuter.

HOUSE UP IN 3 HOURS

London, Oct. 27. The first of 12,000 prefabricated houses to be built on the Clyde was erected to-day in three hours.

The house is modern in every respect, including bathroom, hot water installation, etc.

The aircraft factory which was responsible for the prefabrication expects to be able to turn them out at the rate of 200 a month. —Reuter.

CONCHIES' RELEASE

London, Oct. 27. Proposals are under way to arrange for the release of conscientious objectors from their National Service jobs.

It is understood that the provisions for them will be similar to the Bevin Scheme for the Services with certain modifications. —Reuter.

Hoodoo Ship To The Last

HONG KONG'S REPATRIATION HOODOO SHIP, THE EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA, HAS MERITED THE DESCRIPTION TO THE END OF HER VOYAGE. AFTER BATTLING THE FOUR-DAY GALE WHICH HAS BEEN SWEEPING THE BRITISH ISLES, SOMETIMES HITTING IT UP TO 90 MILES AND A 100 MILES AN HOUR, SHE HAS FINALLY STRUGGLED THROUGH THE IRISH SEA AND IS NOW LYING OFF MERSEY-SIDE WAITING FOR THE WEATHER TO SUBSIDE BEFORE SHE CAN GO IN TO LIVERPOOL TO DOCK.

The "Empress of Australia" carries roughly a thousand British internees from Stanley and ex-P.O.W.s from Shanghaipo, including most of the children who were at Stanley and their mothers.

She left Hong Kong on the morning of September 11 after an embarkation mudslide which aroused much criticism. She was held up six days in Manila, finally reached Colombo on October 2 and left there on the 3rd. The trip to Liverpool, therefore, took her 46 days.

BLLOWING ITSELF OUT

It was stated last night that the great gale appeared to be blowing itself out. The wind was still strong at many points along the coast, but the sun had come out and the weather prophets were forecasting rapid improvement.

Yesterday, the Calais-Dover leave ships were still unable to operate, for the sixth successive day, the giant "Queen Mary" is still unable to proceed into Southampton, and another big complement of R.A.F. men, homeward bound for demobilisation, are held up, like the "Empress of Australia" outside Liverpool in the Blue Funnel liner "Antenor."

CHANNEL TEMPEST

Two Naval vessels, the sloop Saltburn and the Admiralty tug Swarthy, both founded at Spithead, between Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight.

The Solent and Bembridge life-boats went out and it is thought that there was no loss of life.

A menace to shipping in the Bristol Channel is a 250-ton lock gate, which broke adrift while being towed to Barry. The gate held and sank a tug.

Brighton was shaken by a mine which exploded at Shoreham—six miles away—and windows in Folkestone were shattered by another mine, which exploded near Victoria Pier.

All through the night, Police and Naval personnel patrolled Brighton's cliffs and promenades in an effort to spot drifting mines. They were hampered by darkness and torrential rain.

In London, the wind remained at gale force throughout the night, but when dawn broke it had moderated.

A gust of 85 miles an hour was recorded at Pembroke. —Reuter.

Malaya's Compensation

London, Oct. 27.

Mr. George Hall, Secretary for the Colonies, stated in a parliamentary reply to-day that the Malaya Chamber of Mines have asked for financial assistance to enable the companies to repair and replace their equipment which was destroyed or damaged as a result of military operations in Malaya.

This request is at present under consideration, he said. Whether or not such assistance is granted, it is his intention to take all possible steps to ensure the restoration of fair conditions of labour and a fair contribution from industry to the revenue which will be required to provide, amongst other things, for improved social and welfare services. —Reuter.

GREAT ROUND-UP ORDERED

Tokyo, Oct. 27.

The Japanese Government has been directed by the Allied Headquarters to confiscate by December 1st, all fire-arms, swords, knives and explosives in the possession of the Japanese people. —Associated Press.

GRIM RACE IN ARMAMENTS

WASHINGTON, OCT. 27. THE DEBATE OVER THE ATOMIC BOMB AND UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING HAS MADE CLEAR THAT THE WORLD IS BEGINNING AN ARMAMENTS RACE WITHOUT PARALLEL IN HISTORY.

THE MUTUAL CONFIDENCE WHICH THE ALLIED POWERS WERE SUPPOSED TO FEEL AS A RESULT OF THEIR COMMON VICTORY IS TEARING AT THE SEAMS. ONCE MORE EVERYBODY IS GETTING READY FOR WAR AND NOBODY CAN AFFORD ANOTHER.

Half the world does not trust the other half. The Anglo-American and Russians did not trade—even under pressure of war—they do not trust each other.

After the victory, the Russians established Puppet Governments throughout Eastern as a protection against the capitalist West. The United States, while professing love to everybody, began staking out claims on strategic Pacific bases.

The Russians said nothing about Washington keeping the atomic bomb more or less a secret, but diplomats and scientists are convinced that the Soviets are working twenty-four hours a day to catch up.

The armaments race begins with the atomic bomb but extends to all trappings of war like tanks, planes and armaments. Russia and the United States feel that they must be so powerful that no nation dare attack them. —Associated Press.

Japs Don't Like This One

TOKYO, OCT. 27. THE DOMEI NEWS AGENCY, QUOTING UNNAMED INFORMED SOURCES, REPORTED THAT THE JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE WAS SHOWING RELUCTANCE TO OBEY GENERAL MACARTHUR'S UNPRECEDENTED ORDERS FOR THE DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION OF JAPAN.

These sources reported that the government would "exercise great care" in following out the order to Japan to transfer all diplomatic and consular properties and archives everywhere in the world to the allied powers, cease relations with foreign governments and re-call diplomatic and consular representatives from abroad.

The report said that the Foreign Office officials would "sound out" the allied authorities whether the directive conforms to the Potsdam Declaration.

Japan is now maintaining relations with Switzerland, Sweden, Portugal, Elba, Afghanistan and the Hohi Sea. —Associated Press.

Shanghai's Little Tokyo

SHANGHAI, OCT. 27. TEN THOUSAND JAPANESE RESIDENTS IN SHANGHAI'S LITTLE TOKYO TO-DAY ELECTED A NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THEIR SELF-GOVERNING COUNCIL.

Women participated in what was probably the first Democratic Japanese election since the war began. Ballot-takers went from door to door in the jam-packed four-square-mile area, where nearly a hundred thousand Japanese are awaiting transportation home.

The ballot is not yet tabulated.

Yutaka Tsuchida, one time Minister to China, is currently the Chairman of the Governing Council. —Associated Press.

U.S. LOAN OFFER

Washington, Oct. 27. The British Cabinet's decision on the latest United States offer for a loan is expected to be in the hands of the negotiators within the next twelve hours.

It is learned authoritatively that the offer is for a loan of four thousand million dollars at the rate of two per cent interest, payable over a period of fifty years. —Reuter.

FUN AND GAMES

WASHINGTON, OCT. 27. A NAVY SPEAKSMAN SAID TO-DAY THAT THE NAVY WAS ANXIOUS TO TEST ONE ATOMIC BOMB ON A SURFACE FLEET.

"Much work must still be done before the testing," he said. "Two tests should be made on a slant-faced fleet formation, exploding the first in the air and the second below the surface." —Associated Press.

London, Oct. 27. The Freedom of Scarborough was to-day conferred upon the Green Howards. —Reuter.

SIR HORACE SEYMOUR ARRIVES

His Excellency the British Ambassador to China, Sir Horace James Seymour, accompanied by the Prime Minister's personal representative at Chungking, General Carton de Wiart, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by plane from Chungking.

Sir Horace and Lady Seymour are staying at Government House, while General de Wiart will stay at Flagstaff House.

BLEACHING SKELETONS INQUIRY

S.E.A.C. Headquarters, Oct. 27. BRIGADIER J. A. SALOMONS, COMMANDER OF THE ALLIED OCCUPATION FORCES, HAS ORDERED A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INTO THE FINDING—BY ALLIED RE OCCUPYING TROOPS—OF OVER 100 BLEACHING SKELETONS ON THE SANDS OF HAVLOCK ISLAND IN THE ANDAMAN GROUP.

It is alleged that after the Japanese Civil Governor had declared that henceforth the Japanese would be unable to feed the civilian population of Port Blair, about seven hundred natives, including women and children, were told that they were to form a new colony on the hitherto uninhabited Havelock Island and that they would embark at night.

They set out, but a few hundred yards from the Island, they were attacked with lathes by Burmese. Three to four hundred of them may have survived.

Commenting on these accusations, the Japanese Admiral formerly in command of the Islands explained "that as it was necessary to ease the acute food situation at Fort Blair, a party of 200 'evil-minded looters and lawless men' were deported but there was some difficulty in dismarking from the landing craft owing to rough weather. On hearing of attacks by Burmese he sent a party of Japanese to rescue the survivors." —Reuter.

American Hustle To Get Back To China

WASHINGTON, OCT. 27. THE UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT HAS DISCLOSED THAT PROMPT RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF AMERICAN BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN THE PACIFIC IS EXPECTED.

Five steps taken to facilitate the plan in this connection are listed as follow:

(1) Resumption of regular trans-Pacific steamship services after November 1st.

(2) Early restoration of trans-Pacific commercial air transport.

(3) War Department agreement to furnish food, quarters and local transportation to American businessmen in the Orient when accommodations are otherwise unobtainable.

(4) Re-establishment of commercial communication facilities with principal cities and efforts towards an early re-establishment of the banking services.

(5) Resumption of the American Consulate service in Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore and principal Chinese cities.

John Carter Vincent, Director of the State Department's Far Eastern Affairs Office said: "With all speed we are endeavouring to get businessmen back into China for their sake and China's sake."

Market prices in catties yesterday were:

Red beans	H.K.\$1.00
White beans	.80
Green beans	.60
Black beans	1.20
Peanuts	1.80
Chicken	6.00
Duck	3.00
Pork	4.00
Sugar slabs (first grade)	1.00
Pork	4.80
Beef	2.80
Roasted pork	6.00
Sausages	11.20
Preserved pork	6.40
Fish (most expensive)	2.40
Lobsters	3.20
Crabs	1.80
Kerosene (first grade)	3.00

HONG KONG DOLLAR STRENGTHENS

Following a gradual downward trend throughout the week the Chinese National Dollar could be bought at H.K.\$8.80 per C.N.\$1.00, its lowest quotation in a fortnight.

The United States Dollar, which had fallen as low as H.K.\$6 per U.S.\$1 on Friday, closed yesterday at H.K.\$6.80.

Chinese gold could be sold yesterday at H.K.\$510 per tael and bought at H.K.\$530.

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LETTERS FOR UNITED KINGDOM ETC.

A surface mail for the United Kingdom and India direct, and Europe, Africa, Canada, North Central and South America via London, will be despatched per the "Oxfordshire." The mail will close at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 26th October 1945.

General Post Office, Hongkong and Central Post Office, Kowloon will be open for the sale of stamps from 9 a.m. on Sunday, 26th October 1945.

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL (Garden Road)

Sunday: S. Simon & Jude, Holy Communion at 7:15 a.m.; Holy Communion (preceded by the Installation of the Rev. A. P. Rose as Deacon) at 8 a.m.; United Service at 10 a.m. (Preacher: T. C. Bishop of Hong Kong); Matins & Sermon at 11 a.m. (Preacher: The Rev. N. V. Baldwin); Evensong & Sermon at 6:30 p.m. (Preacher: The Rev. K. C. Phillips, R.A.P.)

Thursday—ALL SAINTS' DAY. Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m.; Ordination of Mr. George Yukki She to the Diaconate, at 3 p.m.

Friday—ALL SOULS' DAY. Holy Communion at 7:30 and 10 a.m.; specially arranged for men of the Services.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND & FREE CHURCH, Hong Kong. St. John's Cathedral, Garden Road.

Sunday Morning Service at 10 a.m. (Preacher: The Bishop of Hong Kong, the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall); Evening Service at 5 p.m. (Preacher: Rev. Philip Johnson, Chaplain U.S.N.R., U.S.S. Kenneth Whiting)

Holy Communion at 5:45 p.m.

KOWLOON. Y.M.C.A. Morning Service 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service at 6:30 p.m. (Preacher by Hymn-sing and

Today: Bible Study Group 7:30 p.m.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Kowloon.

Sunday: S. Simon and S. Jude, All-Saints' Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; Extra Service—Preacher Rev. W. I. B. I., R.A.P.; Holy Communion with hymn—Preacher: Rev. H. A. Wittich; Evensong at 6:30 p.m.; Preacher: Rev. M. A. P. Wood, R.N.V.R.

THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, 16, Canoe Road.

Sunday: FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING. Masses at 6:15, 7 and 10 a.m.; Solemn Pontifical Mass and General Communion at 8 a.m.; Deposition of the Host, Sacrament for the whole day; Rosary, Eucharistic Procession, Sermon in English by Rev. Fr. D. Hesler, and in Chinese by Rev. Fr. H. De Angelis; solemn Eucharistic Benediction at 4 p.m.

Monday: High Mass in honour of St. Jude Thaddeus, Apostle, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Liu at 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday: Closing day of the month of the Holy Rosary. Mass with singing and Benediction at 7:30 a.m.

Thursday: ALL SAINTS' DAY. (Holiday of obligation). Priests' Day. Low Masses at 6:15, 7, 7:30 and 10 a.m.; Holy Hour and Benediction at 6:30 p.m.

Friday: Solemn commemoration of All Souls. Low Masses in succession from 5:45 to 9 a.m. Solemn Service at the Happy Valley Cemetery at 5 p.m.

Saturday: First Saturday of the month in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Special Mass at 7:30 a.m.

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

Sunday: FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING. Low Mass at 7:15 a.m.; Solemn High Mass and Benediction at 8:30 a.m.; Holy Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m.; Catechism Classes in English and Chinese at 3 p.m.; On week days: Holy Mass at 7:30 a.m.

Thursday: ALL SAINTS' DAY (a Holiday of Obligation). Masses on Sundays.

Friday: ALL SOULS' DAY. There will be six Masses, commencing at 6:30 a.m. and a High Requiem at 7:30 a.m. for all Deceased of the Parish.

ROSARY CHURCH, 20, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

Sunday: XXIII Sunday after Pentecost. FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING. Mass with Sermon in Chinese and General Communion of All Star Boys, O.Y.L.A. and Children of Mary, at 7:30 a.m.; Choral Mass with Sermon in English, followed by Benediction.

Monday: High Mass in Honour of St. Jude Thaddeus, Apostle at 7:30 a.m.

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Saturday: First Saturday of the month in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass with singing, Rosary, General Communion of the Children of Mary and Benediction at 7:30 a.m.; Catechism Classes and Confession for children at 2:15 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

Meeting for Service Men, Sunday, October 24th, 1945, 10:30 a.m. Queen's Building, 1st floor, Ice House Street (Opposite Star Ferry).

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EUROPE'S PLIGHT

It is obvious from the grim picture of hunger and privation in Europe outlined by Mr. Bevin in the House of Commons debate that the situation has been allowed to get out of control. On whom the ultimate responsibility rests scarcely matters now. It has been known from the beginning that a distracted, dislocated continent presented a problem capable of wrecking the best-laid plans of diplomats and politicians, under the best of conditions. The disturbance in the relations of the Big Three has precipitated catastrophe. As Sir Arthur Salter stressed, the calamity was not foreseen. He went on, it was now thought that millions during this winter will freeze and starve, it will not be the inevitable consequence of material destruction and world shortages of necessities. Undamaged coal mines still exist adequate for all purposes. The resources of war could have been applied as efficiently as they were applied to the gaining of the victory. But nations in isolation can do no more to combat famine than they can to win wars or arrest economic depression. The need was for some supreme economic authority, cutting across all zones, harnessing the remaining resources of Europe, together with supplies from overseas, to the service of Europe's desperate need. Only the concerted action which smashed Hitlerian aggression could equally defeat its economic aftermath and the state of complete anarchy left behind by the Nazi collapse. There has, however, been no central direction, and even UNRRA has not been permitted to function with complete freedom of access to every part of stricken Europe. On top of the difficulties of the political situation have, of course, been imposed the national furies which have produced the appalling consequences of mass migrations of dazed people moving in all directions, none of them knowing where they are going. Unless this folly is halted, the perpetrators and their victims will go down together in unparalleled disaster. Already, as Mr. Bevin pointed out, it is almost beyond human act to intervene successfully quickly.

JOE STALIN'S HEALTH

Moscow, Oct. 27. Reports circulated abroad concerning Stalin's health have not been published here and the average citizen here is still unaware of any fact.

Throughout the years there have been many sensational reports concerning Stalin's health, none of which ever proved true.

Mr. W. E. Harriman, United States Ambassador to Russia, visited Stalin recently in the Sochi area where the Soviet leader is vacationing, according to Moscow Radio.

It is reported that President Truman sent a message to Stalin on October 14th, which Harriman delivered on October 24th.—Associated Press.

GENERALISSIMO'S BIRTHDAY

The 59th birthday of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will be observed in Hong Kong on Tuesday when the San Min Chu I (Three Principles of the People) Youth Association will stage a play in Mandarin entitled "Glorious Victory." Leaders of the local Chinese community and prominent Chinese in the Colony will be invited to attend.

R.A.F. PERMANENT COMMISSIONS

London, Oct. 27. In the House of Commons yesterday, it was announced that some 22,000 permanent commissions had been granted to officers in the Royal Air Force.

At present, appointments are being made to provide replacements due to wastage in the 1939 establishment.—Reuters.

WHY THE BRITISH EMPIRE SURVIVES

An Empire which has survived, steadily changing, for close on three hundred years, four times saving Europe, and twice the world also, from a tyrant, must clearly possess some peculiar quality of its own. What special qualities have preserved the British Empire? In a sense the very spontaneity of its growth makes its salient virtues difficult to disengage. Nevertheless, we should go far towards explaining the British Empire by merely observing that the nation which possessed paramount sea-power in the age when the world lay open to the explorer and the colonial chance to possess also a deep-rooted faith in self-government and a rare talent for politics and administration. We should go far, but we should not go far enough. And if a catalogue were to be attempted of the special qualities which have made for the survival of the British Empire, perhaps the first to be reckoned should be that to which I have already referred, its spontaneity.

The British Empire grew: it was never, like later Empires, manufactured. It was the creation of adventurous individuals—or merchant adventurers (there is no finer word for them than their own description of themselves) of explorers and missionaries, who pursued their own enterprises overseas, while for the most part Ministers at home shrugged their shoulders in bland indifference, or held up their hands in impotent alarm. Indeed in some ways no figure is more representative of imperial history, particularly during the first three-quarters of the nineteenth century, than the harnessed Secretary of State vainly seeking a plausible excuse for declining to add to British possessions overseas.

Next should be recognised that persistent instinct for moderation, which may be called the imperial counterpart of the characteristic British reluctance in domestic politics to push any principle to its logical conclusion, more than once Britain could have acquired vast additional territories but receded from the prospect of world supremacy. In 1815, in particular, at the Congress of Vienna she displayed a noble self-restraint. She might have held the world to ransom. Her navy was unchallengeable, her ports were full of the islands, colonies and ports of call which had fallen to her as prizes of war. Had she been as greedy as or vainglorious as the empires of the past, she would have added vast new territories to her possessions and in due time would have gone the way of the empires of the past. But Castlereagh and Wellington stood firm for "security," not for "expansion." And in the upshot they restored to France, Spain and Holland nearly all their lost possessions. France was not even excluded from the long disputed Newfoundland fisheries; and incurred three thousand, five hundred million pounds sterling of

Much has been said, and still more has been written, about the Anglo-American financial talks in Washington. By now, everybody is familiar with the basic problem. Everybody understands that Lord Keynes and his British colleagues went to Washington to give America the hard facts and figures about Great Britain's post-war economic position.

CORRESPONDENCE

HUSH A BYE BABY

Sir.—To-night I have had the opportunity of hearing the H.K. Radio playing the ultra-modern hit of the season "In eleven more months and ten more days" followed by that similarly popular hit "See The Funny Little Bunnies."

Isn't it about time that somebody emerged from the Victorian era and arranged some sort of programme more acceptable to the modern Service man's taste.

Surely lack of phonographic material can be no excuse, for apart from the unit holdings in records, there is a vast unlabelled sprinkling of Servicemen's talent in the Hong Kong and the New Territories.

LONG SUFFERING.

For the theft of a tin of salmon from Wellington Barracks on Friday, Pun Lui, 20, coolie, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday.

Inspector Goddard said that accused was seen leaving the store with a small parcel wrapped up with his cap. The tin of salmon was inside it.

Mr. Kwan warned that a more serious view would be taken in future cases.

Lam Mo-kei was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday, with stealing canvas from Victoria Barracks on October 26.

The canvas was a gun cover, and accused was seen in possession of it by a special constable of the barracks. Defendant was arrested after a long chase on a bicycle.

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed.

H.K. TAXATION

The Colony is slowly developing a taxation system.

Following tobacco and liquor licensing, entertainment tax is being re-introduced from November 1, starting at 1 cent tax on admission up to 10 cents, and rising progressively to be tax of 30 cents on admissions of \$1. The scale rises more sharply after that stage to \$1 on tickets of more than \$4.

Two thousand piculs of firewood arrived in Hong Kong yesterday from Shun-yu-chung, in the Bias Bay area, augmenting local firewood supplies. The price of firewood has been steadily falling over the past fortnight.

"IT MAY BE THAT THE ISLAND FROM WHICH THE WORLD LEARNED THE ART OF FREEDOM WILL YET TEACH IT THE ART-OF-UNITY."

Empire of her own—and promptly led the way into the so-called "scramble for Africa." And so 'imperialism' acquired its later sense of deliberate policy, selfish and aggressive.

To-day the British Empire, a world society of peoples ranging from the great self-governing Dominions to the most primitive African dependences, represents yet another principle of which the world has need.

It is the only League of Nations which has ever worked. Not only has it banished war from within its own boundaries, which comprehend a third of the world; when Germany attacked Poland in 1939, the un-covenanted Dominions of the British Empire sprang to arms.

May it not be that this world community, which has survived so long, and evolved so far, will yet render the world a supreme service, and become the pattern of the world commonwealth?

Livingstone, the missionary explorer who deliberately martyred himself in the cause of the African negro, is but one specially illustrious example of thousands of less famous men whose lives have enshrined the principle of trusteeship. The principle has repeatedly been accepted by British Governments in recent years, and to-day is to be seen expressed in the practice of "indirect rule" by which imperial authority is exercised through the

short-term debts to foreign countries, mostly in the sterling area.

From a creditor nation, Great Britain became a debtor country. And now that the Lend-Lease programme has ended, some new financial arrangement is needed before normal trading can be resumed.

It's only common sense. The customary associations of the word "imperialism" do less than justice to a world society which has done so much for civilisation. But the word imperialism did not acquire its present, on the whole sinister, significance until the 1880's. Before then, during the centuries when the British was in effect the only Empire, it had meant merely "the rule of Caesar."

But about 1880 the new Germany of Bismarck, blood and iron, set herself with characteristic cold

deliberation to manufacture an

It's a pity that quite a lot of newspaper comment and expression of personal opinion about the Washington talks have been smeared with the taint of sentiment. Proverbially, business and sentiment don't mix. And no good is going to come by trying to mix them. We need a practical approach, which is summed up in the old saying: "We must all hang together; otherwise, we shall hang separately."

Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador in Washington, put it rather well when he said: "What we are doing is coming to you as Allies and comrades in a great, victorious war to tell you our story, and to learn from you of yours, and then see if together we can make our partnership as great in peace as it has been in war."

We can take it for granted that American public opinion will strongly favour a strict, business-like approach to international trade relations. Demobilisation is proceeding fast in the U.S.A., and the spectre of unemployment on a vast scale has already been raised. The figure of eight million unemployed in America has been predicted and widely quoted.

The threat of a return of "Depression" years, such as America suffered in the nineteen-thirties, is bound to promote public feeling in favour of American tariff walls. The average man is inclined to take a short-term view.

And it will not be easy for American statesmen to convince the public that America must trade with the sterling area.

But it is not in the interests of the United States that other countries should be driven to organise their economy so as to be independent of American exports. And here lies Britain's main bargaining point—Empire trade preference—with all its disadvantages to America.

Wall Street seems to be behind the American Government's proposal that Empire trade preference should be abolished in return for any big loan to Great Britain. But Britain is not prepared to make any commercial concessions without some kind of reciprocal action on America's part. And anyhow, Empire trade preference cannot be abolished without full consultation between Great Britain and the countries concerned.

Fortunately, the war has taught us that other people's business in our business, too, that poverty anywhere constitutes a danger to prosperity everywhere. The natural desire of each nation to foster and nourish its own economy must be tempered by the knowledge that, in the long run, no country can remain prosperous at the expense of others. The dollar area and the sterling area will both suffer eventually if they are kept apart.

The job that the experts in Washington have got to do is to find a formula which satisfies public opinion to-day—in the first flush of peace—and does not imperil the economy of the world in the years to come.

BY A.C. KENNEDY

ARTIST'S TRIBUTE TO MACAO.

A CHANGE FROM AN ATMOSPHERE OF PLEASANT AND CHARMING LAZINESS TO A HONG-KONG IN THE FIRST STAGES OF RENAISSANCE CAN PRODUCE SOME VERY PROFOUND NOSTALGIA, STATED MR. G. V. SMIRNOV, NOTED RUSSIAN ARTIST, WHO RETURNED HERE ON FRIDAY FROM MACAO WHERE HE HAD SPENT MORE THAN A YEAR SKETCHING CHINESE SEA AND RIVER CRAFT. MACAO, MR. SMIRNOV STATED, HAS ABOUT IT A LANGOUROUS MEDITERRANEAN ATMOSPHERE MADE QUAIK BY THE PRESENCE OF CHINESE JUNKS AND BOATS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. THE LITTLE PORTUGUESE TOWN, WHATEVER EFFORT MAY BE MADE TO MODERNISE IT, WILL ALWAYS RETAIN ITS CHARACTER OF BEING SUBMERGED IN THE DEPTHS OF HISTORY. THE NARROW, COBBLED, WINDING STREETS MUST REMAIN.

Were there bathing beaches and

good hotel accommodation, Macao would blossom out easily into one of the most popular tourist resorts in the world. The Portuguese, Mr. Smirnov said, are a charming people and a hospitality noteworthy throughout five centuries of Macao's history again reasserted itself with the kindness of the Macao Government in alleviating the conditions of the large population who took refuge there from Hong Kong since 1941.

Mr. Smirnov brought back with him a large portfolio of water-colour studies of Chinese sea and river craft and intends in the future to develop his studies of these vessels that bring so much romance to the Chinese scene. He intends, when time permits, to travel along the coast and up-river in pursuit of further material to sketch from.

NOT FIRST TIME

He is here to-day with the Public Works Department, and was connected with the A.E.P. Tunnel Construction scheme for Marsman (Hong Kong, China), Ltd. The Japanese attack caught him in Hong Kong. It was not his first experience of Japanese Government, as he had fled from it as the storm of Japanese invasion flowed steadily southward.

In the first year of the Japanese occupation, Mr. Smirnov, with many others, was invited to participate in one of the Japanese Public Works' schemes here. There being a piano in the office and good lighting, he set up his easel and proceeded to devote office hours to music and sketching.

There followed several reproofs from the Japanese boss in charge and he was accused of enticing Chinese personnel away from the work of reconstruction of Hong Kong as one of the most important Greater East Asian Centres. "Your heart is not in your work," he was told.

PICTURE CONSCIOUS

The leisure afforded by this respite from economic worries Mr. Smirnov devoted to preparing a series of landscapes of Hong Kong that were bought up in increasing numbers by the Japanese who were always a picture-conscious race.

The Japanese, however, were also very-conscious. Mr. Smirnov had his flat near the Police Training School in Nathan Road searched on more than one occasion, the Gendarmerie finally coming across some bottles of home-made vodka and producing charges of illegal liquor.

This resulted in several days in Stanley Prison where he made the acquaintance of many men being held on espionage charges, some of whom were later executed. As swiftly as he had been apprehended, he was suddenly whisked back in a closed black maria to the Supreme Court where he was told that he was free as it

TO THE EURASIAN LADS WHO DIED IN THE BATTLE OF HONG KONG

December 8th-25th 1941.

Here, 'mid these eternal hills, they found their rest, No solemn cross to mark their peaceful sleep With name and date. Upon their tranquil breast, The sod lies easy; they slumber sound and deep. Theirs was no rod of Empire, rule of man;

The seat of power, the pomp and circumstance; Heirs of the office ledger, desk and pen. They trailed no purple robes of governance. They knew no homeland, dearer on distant view,

The ivied cottage, the ancient spreading tree, The smell of the purple heather damp with dew. The cliffs of Albion looking out to sea.

But youth was their in running full. The joy of life, the urging vises, content. The dawn of love, rosate, worn. And hope surpassing all account. These they gave, and, in their

HIDDEN LOOT

American occupation troops to-day seized another store of silver, bullion and other valuable metals worth one crore of Rupees. In an unguarded out-house near Ieda, in the mountains of Nagano Prefecture in central Honshu.

This brings the total of Bullion and jewels captured in Japan to over eighty one crores of Rupees. It is estimated that to-day's capture included 825 cylinders of mercury. —Reuter.

Oct. 20, 1945.

IMPORTANT TRUMAN SPEECH

Washington, Oct. 27. President Truman is expected to deliver a "most important speech from the news standpoint" at 10:30 a.m. Saturday from New York. The speech deals with foreign policy. —Associated Press.

Promotions For American War Heroes

WASHINGTON, OCT. 27. PRESIDENT TRUMAN HAS NOMINATED FIVE OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED UNDER GENERAL WAINWRIGHT IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR PROMOTION SAYING THAT THEY WERE "SACRIFICED TO OUR STATE OF UNPREPAREDNESS."

They are among fifty-four army and fifty-one navy war-time military leaders whose promotions were sent to the Senate.

President Truman recommended the five officers to receive a permanent rank of Major-General which they presently hold temporarily.

They are Edward King, William F. Sharp, George F. Moore, George M. Parker and Albert M. Jones.

The President recommended Generals George C. Kenney and Carl Spaatz for the permanent rank of Major-General and Curtis E. Le May for a permanent rank of Brigadier-General.

Regarding the five Philippines' Generals, President Truman said: "This group of leaders inspired our American and Filipino forces to their heroic defense against overwhelming Japanese odds. They had no chance for eventual success" which unquestionably would have brought them to higher ranks. —Associated Press.

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E. J. B. Mitchell
Manager for South China

REPATRIATION NOTICE
No. 24

It is believed that the Hospital Ship "Oxfordshire" may leave for England on Monday 29th October and that, a limited amount of accommodation may be available for passengers from Hongkong, both sick and otherwise.

Those who have been registered for early departure for the United Kingdom should now stand by and watch the newspapers for further notices.

Repatriation Office.
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RE: CUSTODIAN
PROCLAMATION, 1945
CLAIMS FOR CARGO
REMAINING IN GODOWN

Bankers, merchants and others who have any interest in cargo or storage in premises now under my control may forward schedules (in duplicate) stating:

1. Name of claimant, address and telephone number.
2. Situation of godown, name and address of owner or lessee.
3. Interest claimed (sole or part owner, Banker's lien, etc.)
4. Documents of title that can be produced, or a statement of the manner in which it is proposed to prove interest.
5. Godown Lot number: ex Steamer.....: Marks and Nos.: Number and description of packages and contents: Any other information likely to assist in tracing the cargo.
6. Amounts received from Japanese Authorities on account of such cargo.

A separate schedule should be forwarded for Godowns in (a) West Point & Kennedy Town Area, (b) the rest of Hong Kong Island, (c) Holt's Wharf, (d) Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's properties, (e) elsewhere.

It will be appreciated that with the small staff at my disposal inspection of godowns by the public to locate cargo cannot be allowed for the time being, but every endeavour will be made to locate cargo claimed, and at a later date I may be able to allocate supervisors to accompany claimants to make inspection.

R. A. WICKERSON,
Acting Custodian of Property,
Hong Kong,
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Congress Activity
In Britain

London, Oct. 27. The Diamond Jubilee Conference of the Committee of Indian Congressmen in Britain will synchronise with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Indian National Congress in December. Delegates from all British Congress Committee centres, including Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Cardiff will take part.

The main issue to be discussed will be the subject of the private circular from the Committee Organisation to its members.

They are, firstly, an enlargement of the scope of work during the forthcoming year.

Secondly, the consideration of the proposals made at the last conference for the amalgamation or unification with one or two other nationalist organisations in Britain.

On the subject of amalgamation with certain other nationalists, the Congressmen Committee maintains the position that its members and officers must not have dual allegiance—either fundamental allegiance must be to Congress.

CUMULATIVE GOOD

Mr. P. B. Seal, Chairman of the Committee, told me that it had been found by experience that on critical occasions, as in 1942, when people held dual allegiance, especially involving non-Indian organisations, their activities were hampered.

Many people who do not support Congress unconditionally are now speaking in support of Congress, he said. To that extent, any propaganda for Indian Independence from whatever source is cumulatively good for India.

"We welcome anyone who supports us occasionally but we consider the supreme need of the Maintaining Committee of Congressmen is to band together persons who have no allegiance except to Congress.

This will be specially important during the next six months, when the whole question of minorities and other Indian problems will be under discussion."—Reuter.

U.S. HESITANT
ON UNIVERSAL
TRAINING

Washington, Oct. 27. An uncertain Congress looked for public reaction before tackling President Truman's universal military training programme.

The White House said that communications received indicated generally favourable public reaction. Some newspapers say that the programme is an insurance against disaster and others expressed misgivings, while many praised the President for his courageous stand public controversy.

Congress appears to be divided into three groups—first, those willing to approve the programme and who seem to be a minority—second, those who want a modified plan which will not interrupt the education of young men and appeared to be in the majority and—third, those who oppose to any form of compulsion and think that voluntary training can meet the nation's needs and which form another minority group.—Associated Press.

Esprit de Corps

Washington, Oct. 27. General A. A. Vandegrift, Commander in Chief of the United States Marine Corps, told the Senate Committee to-day that the spirit of the Corps will be lost if the Army and Navy were merged.

The General declared that healthy competition among the armed services was necessary and that he believed that a merger would set up an undemocratic military hierarchy.—Associated Press.

Washington, Oct. 27. After over a month's delay, the United States Senate has confirmed the nomination of Mr. Spruille Braden, ex-American Ambassador to Argentina, as an Assistant Secretary of State, in charge of Latin-American affairs.—Associated Press.

Peron Back
Stronger
Than Ever

WASHINGTON, OCT. 27.
UNITED STATES OFFICIAL CIRCLES ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT CRITICISM OF COLONEL JUAN PERON'S DICTATORSHIP IN ARGENTINA WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIST MOSTLY OF PROTESTS AND PINPRICKS.

Government officials concede that the Buenos Aires strongman has apparently come back stronger than ever after his recent ouster as Vice-President.

They are studying the course of action possible for the United States and 19 other American republics and conclude that only the Argentine people themselves can approve or disapprove of Peron's regime effectively.

Application of an economic embargo as a strong sign of disapproval by other nations would seem unfeasible. An embargo would be out of the question because, for one thing, of Britain's need of meat, wheat, corn and linseed products from Argentina. Also, the United States probably will have to rely on Argentina to make up for her food deficits.

In a certainty that the American public would protest against any resumption of meat rationing caused by political policies.—Associated Press.

HUGE U.S. SURPLUS

Washington, Oct. 27. The United States Government expects property valued at over \$2 billion dollars to be declared surplus during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1946, including capital and productive goods and aircraft about \$2 billion dollars and 1,474 million dollars worth of food and agricultural commodities.—Associated Press.

Washington, Oct. 27.

Mr. Churchill in his mood of demagogic may call this prospect "dismal". Others would call such a declaration fair and honest. For what triflers will dare argue that shortage can be overcome in two years? What is needed is to beat down exorbitant prices for housing materials.

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Indian Navy Puts Into H.K. For First Time

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF HONG KONG, A UNIT OF THE INDIAN ROYAL NAVY, COMMANDED BY AN INDIAN OFFICER, HAS ENTERED THESE WATERS.

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE "SUNDAY HERALD" RAN INTO AN OFFICER FROM THE SHIP IN TOWN, LIEUT. D. B. BALLARAM, I.R.N.R., WHO WAS ENQUIRING FOR AN ADDRESS. HAVING SATISFIED HIM, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE "SUNDAY HERALD" IN TURN, ASKED HIM WHO HE WAS.

As a result, an hour later, the Commander of the Indian sloop, Commander Hajee Mohammed Siddiq Choudri, I.R.N.R., gallantly welcomed us on board H.M.I.S. "Godavari".

Commander Choudri, who comes from the Punjab, is the senior Indian Officer in the Executive Branch of the Royal Indian Navy, and is also the only Indian naval officer to hold a command.

Only 34 years of age, he was trained in the United Kingdom and was attached to the British Home Fleet, having received his Commission in 1933. In 1937, he commanded the Royal Indian Naval Contingent at the Coronation of King George VI.

Speaking perfect English, Commander Choudri said that he had seen a "couple of actions" and was already a veteran of the war. Though the Hong Kong public knows very little of the R.I.N., Commander Choudri says it has performed its share in combined Allied operations.

"What India hopes to have" he said, "is battleships and cruisers."

CORVETTE'S ACTION

Illustrative of the work of the R.I.N., Commander Choudri cited the story of an Indian corvette which, while conveying a Dutch tanker, sighted two Japanese armed merchant cruisers. This was in November, 1942, in the Indian Ocean. The little corvette, ordered the tanker to turn back, while it took on the Japs. The corvette was only about 300 tons, and had a 12 pounder gun as single armament while the Japanese ships had everything, including aircraft, said the Commander.

The corvette went in to two miles when the Japs opened fire.

"The action lasted one hour during which the Corvette was hit but not in any vital part. However, she scored a hit on one of the Japanese cruisers and a fire broke out which eventually spread to her magazine and blew up the ship. The second Japanese cruiser, seeing the explosion, decided to run for it."

"This was just as well" he said, "because our Corvette had only three shells left."

SUNK IN RED SEA

A brush with death came in April 1941, when he was Commanding Officer of H.M.I.S. "Parvati" which struck a mine and sank during an attack on an Italian port in the Red Sea.

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NUERNBERG, OCT. 27. FIELD MARSHALS KARL RUDOLF VON RUNDSTEDT AND ALBERT KESSELRING WILL GO ON TRIAL FOR THEIR LIVES AS WAR CRIMINALS AFTER THE HISTORIC NUERNBERG TRIALS ARE CONCLUDED, IT WAS AUTHORITATIVELY LEARNED.

"I didn't leave the ship; it left me," he disclosed with a grin. "When the explosion came, I ordered the survivors into the lifeboat. The 'Parvati' went down two minutes later. When the war was close to my waist while I was on the bridge, I tried to swim clear, but the tremendous suction pulled me down."

Somehow or other, he came to the surface again and he was quickly rescued.

Concerning the Indian Navy, Commander Choudri said that the R.I.N. has upwards of 350 ships, ranging from modern sloops to coastal craft and P.T. boats, and has seen service with the Allies in every theatre of war.

In 1943, then, Lieut.-Commander Choudri made a three-month visit to the United States on a liaison tour.

Canadian Cruiser Bids Us Goodbye

H.M.C.S. ONTARIO IS SAILING FOR MANILA TO-DAY ON THE FIRST LEG OF HER TRIP HOME TO THE WEST COAST OF CANADA. THE CANADIAN CRUISER HAS BEEN STATIONED IN HONG KONG SINCE SEPTEMBER 11 WHEN SHE ARRIVED FROM TRINCOMALEE, CEYLON, WITH UNTIS OF THE ROYAL NAVY. SINCE THAT TIME THREE COMPANIES OF HER SHIP'S COMPLEMENT HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN PATROL AND GUARD DUTIES AT KENNEDY TOWN, ABERDEEN AND SHOUSHON. THE SHIP HERSELF HAVING MADE ONE TRIP OUT IN THE MEANTIME, WHEN SHE WENT TO THE AID OF THE ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARY TANKER "WAVE KING" IN DISTRESS OFF THE SOUTHERN TIP OF FORMOSA.

In the tail end of a typhoon when he was eight years of age, she took "Wave King" in tow and brought her back safely to Hong Kong, a distance of more than 300 miles.

Commanded by Captain Harold Grant, D.S.O., R.C.N., the senior warship of the Royal Canadian Navy was commissioned in Belfast, Northern Ireland, on April 26th of this year. After working up in United Kingdom ports, she sailed for the Pacific via Malta, Alexandria, and Trincomalee, being the first Allied warship to sail through the Malacca Strait since the Japanese took over occupation of that area.

Since their arrival in the Colony, the Canadians of this proud ship have won their way to the hearts of the community, entering into various activities with much zest. It will be remembered that a team from Ontario won the softball tournament played at the Hong Kong Cricket ground in connection with the peace celebrations on October 9, beating the Hong Kong Volunteers in the finals. They have since engaged in several other softball matches against the Volunteers and had hoped to meet a Colony soccer eleven prior to their departure.

Yesterday, the commanding officer was in receipt of a signal from the commanding officer, Kennedy Force, which said: "We are extremely sorry to lose your valiant support in policing Hong Kong. Your patrols have always proved smart and efficient and please convey my personal appreciation for their efforts. I have always felt complete confidence in my Western Flank. The only consolation is the reason for your departure and we wish you bon voyage and a speedy return to your homes."

RAILWAY CLOCK

Another message of appreciation was received from the officials of the Kowloon Railway for the workmanlike job turned in by the electrical section of H.M.C.S. Ontario as a result of which the station tower clock is operating again after being stopped for 44 months.

The good wishes heaped on the ship's company both in Hong Kong and Kowloon are reciprocated by the men of Ontario who enjoyed their stay here immensely and, many of whom, on several occasions were the guests of Colony residents.

Captain Grant, himself, is a hero of this war. In late December 1943, while in command of the R.N. cruiser "Enterprise", his ship, accompanied by H.M.S. "Glasgow", a cruiser, encountered eleven German Narvik class destroyers in the Bay of Biscay. Engaging them, the two cruisers sank three, damaged three more severely and put the others to flight. Captain Grant was wounded in this engagement. The Narvik class was Germany's fastest type of destroyer and it is thought the Nazis put the ships out in the Bay in a last, but futile attempt to halt the stream of British shipping steaming through the Bay.

EX-H.K. ASSOCIATIONS

The commander of the Canadian cruiser is Commander E. P. Tisdall, R.C.N., of Duncan, B.C. Commander Tisdall was born in China and lived in Hong Kong.

No Agreement

London, Oct. 27. A British Foreign Office spokesman indicated last night that a complete agreement had not been reached by Britain and the United States on Jewish immigration into Palestine. —Associated Press.

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New Airway Services Under Way In China

Briton As Director

Quebec, Oct. 27. The Conference of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation is expected to-day to select Sir John Orr, adviser to the British Delegation and noted nutritionist as the Agency's first Director-General.—Associated Press.

R.A.F. BRINGS THE GOODS

THE R.A.F. MAY YET PROVE THE SAVIOURS OF HONG KONG WHERE A REVIVAL OF SPORT IS CONCERNED, AS THEY ARE THE ONLY UNIT HERE WITH ENOUGH SPORTS EQUIPMENT TO PROVIDE FOR FOOTBALL, CRICKET AND OTHER GAMES.

Though bound for Okinawa originally armed with Stens and Lee Enfields rather than with stumps and wickets, their equipment has since caught up with them and they have already started their own football league, featuring several footballers not unknown at home.

The 3 Commando Brigade have a number of prominent sportsmen in their ranks but having been bound for Singapore originally they have come here poorly equipped for a revival of sport. They are, however, as keen on it as anyone else.

A triangular football competition between 3 Commando Brigade, R.A.F. and Royal Navy is in the offing, the first match between R.A.F. and Navy to be played on the Club de Recreio ground on November 11 at 5 p.m. The Commandos will play R.A.F. on November 18 at the same ground.

The cricket pitch at Club de Recreio is now being doctored in the hope that it will soon, with watering, cutting and rolling be possible for cricket. Netball and basket-ball tournaments between small units are already in progress.

Swimming Gala Plans

A SWIMMING GALA IN AID OF THE JOINT FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF DISTRESS IN HONG KONG WILL BE HELD AT THE VICTORIA BARRACKS SWIMMING POOL ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, AT 2.30 P.M.

There will be open and service events and an exhibition of diving and the butterfly stroke, as well as a relay race featuring teams from the Chinese, Rest of the Colony, Royal Navy, R.A.F. and 3 Commando Brigade.

Open events will be the 100 Yards Free Style, 100 Yards Breast Stroke and 100 Yards Back Stroke, as well as 66 Yards Ladies Free Style.

Service events will be the 100 Yards Free Style, 100 Yards Breast Stroke and 66 Yards Back Stroke.

Service entries should be in to Capt. Macan (Tel. 56495) by 12 noon, Tuesday, October 30th, and other entries to Enrique Chaine (Tel. 20384) by the same time. Entrance fee will be one dollar.

Tickets for the gala will be on sale at the reception desk of the Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels and will cost \$2 (reserved seats) and \$1. They will be obtainable there from Monday, October 29th.

BOXER TIED DOWN

London, Oct. 27. In a statement to-day, Tom Hurst, manager for the British heavy-weight boxing champion, Bruce Woodcock, said: "It will be some time yet before Bruce Woodcock will be able to accept Mike Jacobs' invitation to go to the United States for a series of bouts, because he is unable to leave his present job.

Woodcock is a railroad shop mechanic, which is classified under the Essential Work Order.—Associated Press.

New York, Oct. 27. Billy Conn, declared here to-day that he had started his long-range training for the heavyweight championship bout with Joe Louis next June.—Associated Press.

SINCE JAPAN'S SURRENDER, THE CHINA NATIONAL AVIATION CORPORATION HAVE INAUGURATED AIR SERVICES BETWEEN ALL THE IMPORTANT CITIES OF CHINA AND ARE EXTENDING THE AIR-LINE SCHEME TO NEW ROUTES. THIS INFORMATION WAS GATHERED YESTERDAY BY THE "SUNDAY HERALD" FROM MR. W. L. BOND, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE C.N.A.C., WHO IS HERE FROM CHUNGKING.

Stafford On The Spot

London, Oct. 27. Sir Stafford Cripps will face formidable arguments when he meets a deputation on Nov. 7 to hear the case for the Liverpool cotton market. The deputation's lawyer is Mr. Henry Wilfink, who was Health Minister in Mr. Churchill's governments.

Spinners as well as raw cotton merchants are reported unanimous that the Liverpool cotton market should be reopened at the earliest opportunity.

A well-known Egyptian businessman, Ahmed Farqhaly Pasha, who is visiting Liverpool, says cotton people in both Liverpool and Egypt are distressed about closure of the Liverpool cotton market, which has international implications which considerably affect Egypt, and if Sir Stafford Cripps' decision is maintained it will be a disaster for all concerned in cotton from the farmer upward.

Liverpool is the heart of the world's cotton trade and as long as the Liverpool market is closed the world's whole cotton structure, particularly Egypt's, will be paralysed.

Egyptians take a very serious view of the matter, and Farqhaly says he can hardly believe Sir Stafford will persist with a decision that would be ruinous to the cotton trade.—Reuter.

Soccer For Charity

A Charity football match in aid of the "Relief of Distress in Hong Kong" (C-in-C's fund) will be played on Thursday next, between 44 R.M. Commando and a combined Chinese XI of the Eastern Athletic Association.

The game will be played at the Club de Recreio, King's Park, Kowloon. Complimentary tickets price \$5.00 will be on sale on Monday 29th Oct. They can be obtained from Sze Po Wai, The Chase Bank, Hong Kong, and from the Sports Officer, R.S.M. J. Spencer, 44 R.M. Commando, Pui Ching School, Kowloon. Prices of admission for enclosure will be \$1 and 50 cents. The Pipe band of 42 R.M. Commando will be in attendance.

U.S. FOOTBALL

New York, Oct. 27. Unbeaten Army and Navy football teams will be seeking their fifth straight victories on Saturday against Duke and Pennsylvania, respectively.

The Army, which is ranked nationally as the No. 1 team, plays Duke at New York's Polo grounds, while the Middle and Pennsylvania play at Philadelphia.

Purdue, undisputed Big Ten conference leader, seeks to stretch its lead at the expense of Northwestern while Ohio State meets unbeaten, unated Minnesota.

Notre Dame expects an easy time against Iowa.

Indiana's once-tied Hoosiers meet unbeaten, unated Tulsa.

Columbia, Holy Cross and Temple all rise, unbeaten records against Brown, Colgate and Pittsburgh, respectively. Other top names include: Michigan-Illinois; Rutgers-Princeton; Cornell-Yale; Oklahoma-Texas; Christian; Southern California-Washington.—Associated Press.

BARNES REJECTS ENGLISH OFFER

Sydney, Oct. 27. The brilliant New South Wales batsman, Sid Barnes, stated to-day that he had refused an offer to play cricket in England. He added, he had been offered a position in London.

According to to-day's "Sydney Telegraph" Barnes would not consider any offer to play professionally in the Lancashire League.—Reuter.

GORDON RICHARDS' FEATS

London, Oct. 27. With 103 winners to his credit already this season, Gordon Richards needs only one more to become the first jockey in Great Britain's racing history to bring 3,000 horses across the finish line first. Richards already holds the British all-time championships, having beaten Fred Archer's 55-year-old record of 2,749.—Associated Press.

London, Oct. 27. It is expected that the two brigades of British troops still in Norway will be able to leave for England before Christmas.—Reuter.

London, Oct. 27. A huge crowd watched the race in conditions ideal for record breaking. There was no wind and it was a crisp autumn day.—Reuter.

Ley's Suicide

Wiesbaden, Oct. 27. A note, written by the former Nazi Labour Chief, Robert Ley, who strangled himself in a Nuremberg prison cell on Thursday night, said: "I cannot stand this shame any longer."

He said that everything was in order, the food was good and he was well looked after, but "the fact that I should be a criminal—that is what I cannot stand."—Reuter.

TO RELIEVE MARINES

Chungking, Oct. 26. The Chinese High Command has announced that Central Government troops which are relieving the United States Marines in Northern China have arrived in Tientsin in Southern Hopei Province.

Commanded by General Sun Lien-chung, Commander of the 11th War Zone, the Chinese force is a portion of the garrison which is taking over the duties of an estimated sixty-thousand American Marines who entered North China to assist in disarming the Japanese.

The dispatch said that the surrender of the Japanese forces in Shantung, Shantung Province, was formally signed on Thursday in the presence of Chinese and American representatives.—Associated Press.

UNHEEDED WARNING

London, Oct. 27. The former Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Anthony Eden, in a speech at Leeds University where he received an honorary L.L.D., said: "The world, unquestionably, is in very great danger and nations are not joined together, despite the warning of the atomic bomb.

"The third world war would mean the annihilation of the human race," he concluded.—Associated Press.

British Mediation In Indonesia?

BATAVIA, OCT. 27. THE ACTING GOVERNOR OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, DR. VAN MOOK, IS REPORTED TO HAVE INVITED PRESIDENT SOEKARNO OF THE INDONESIAN REPUBLIC TO MEET HIM AT THE HOME OF THE BRITISH MILITARY COMMANDER FOR INFORMAL TALKS LOOKING TOWARD THE SETTLEMENT OF THE INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE DISPUTE.

THE REPORT SUGGESTED THAT DR. VAN MOOK IS AGREEABLE TO THIRD-PARTY MEDIATION OF THE DISPUTE AND FAVORED THE BRITISH COMMANDER, LIEUT.-GENERAL, SIR PHILIP CHRISTISON.—ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Batavia, Oct. 27. An appeal to Pandit Nehru and all Indians to help the Indonesians in their struggle for independence, was made over the British-controlled Bandoeng radio to-day.

The appeal stated: "We are fed by a firm resolve to achieve independence whatever the task may be. We look to India, and especially to you and the Indian National Congress, to publicise our claim because we are greatly hindered by lack of propaganda facilities."

"Please take action to make the world aware of the Indonesian freedom struggle."

INVITATION ACCEPTED "We thank you especially for acceptance of the invitation to visit Indonesia and form an unbiased opinion. Please inform us about the time and other particulars regarding your voyage."

"Indonesia needs a spokesman before the bar of world opinion. Greetings from the people of Indonesia to the people of India."

The radio also broadcast the text of a letter by Dr. Soekarno to Colonel Carlo Romulo, Commissioner of the Philippines, which said: "We ask you to raise your voice on behalf of the now free Indonesia."

"Clearly the question of Indonesia must cause thinking. Americans much heart searching because we are fighting for the same ideals for which the flower of American youth died on the shores of Tarawa, Iwo Jima and Okinawa."

This was announced to-day by Mr. Aneurin Bevan, who said that municipalities throughout the country had been asked to give their co-operation in this decision.—Reuter.

RECORD WALK

Prague, Oct. 27. The Czech walker Balazs set up a new world record for 10,000 metres (about six and a quarter miles) here to-day, covering the distance in 42 minutes 31.6 secs. Hardmo's previous world record stood at 42 minutes 39.6 secs.

A huge crowd watched the race in conditions ideal for record breaking. There was no wind and it was a crisp autumn day.—Reuter.

Wants War Controls

Washington, Oct. 27. Indications at the Capitol to-day were that Congress would take quick action on President Truman's recommendation for universal compulsory military training.

At the same time, the president's trouble-shooter, John W. Snyder, told the house judiciary subcommittee that Mr. Truman wants continuance of wartime controls of rationing, priorities, selective military service, etc., indefinitely because he feels immediate elimination would "seriously interfere with reconversion."

The House Judiciary subcommittee has two bills before it which propose an immediate end to the president's far-reaching wartime authority.

The president warned Congress on September 6 that "the time has not yet arrived for the proclamation of cessation of hostilities."—Associated Press.

MERCHANT NAVY REMEMBERED

London, Oct. 27. Men of the merchant navy are to have the same privileges in connection with housing facilities in England as men of other services returning to England.

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U.S. NAVY DAY

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TREASON TRIAL IN NEW DELHI

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An Indian army officer will be on the tribunal. The accused will have the right of appeal.

The Indian National Army was raised by the Japanese and Subhas Chandra Bose, whose reported death recently was a signal for public mourning by many of his influential countrymen, who hailed him as a heroic martyr.

Others branded him a traitor. The National Congress Party is on record as urging clemency for most I.N.A. members. It has created a Defence Committee with an imposing array of lawyers, including Privy Councillor Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Dr. R. M. Jayakar, former federal court judge, and Bhaladhar Desai.

Testimony is expected to explore the stories of Indians who joined in fear of their lives and the safety of their loved ones; others who were tortured until they enrolled, and others who joined willingly, not because they liked the Japanese but because of dislike for the British.—Associated Press.

JAPANESE WITNESSES

TOKYO, OCT. 27. IN FULFILMENT OF THE REQUEST FOR WITNESSES FOR THE TRIAL IN NEW DELHI OF FORMER MEMBERS OF SUBHAS BOSE'S GOVERNMENT, THESE WITNESSES AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. IT WAS DECLARED HERO TO DAY.

THREE SUBSTITUTES WERE OFFERED BY THE JAPANESE IN PLACE OF MR. SHIGEMITSU, WHO WAS ASKED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO GIVE EVIDENCE IN NEW DELHI AND WHO, THE JAPANESE SAID, WAS TOO ILL TO DO.

THESE NAMES WERE TRANSMITTED TO THE INDIA GOVERNMENT A FORTNIGHT AGO BUT NO REPLY HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED, GENERAL MACARTHUR'S SPEAKMAN TOLD REUTER TO DAY.—REUTER.

AIR POWER STATUS

WASHINGTON, OCT. 26. FOUR INFLUENTIAL SENATORS ASSERTED TO-DAY THAT THEY WERE CONFIDENT THAT CONGRESS WOULD GIVE AIR POWER EQUAL STATUS WITH THE LAND AND SEA BRANCHES, AFTER MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS OF CONGRESSIONAL REBUTTALS AND REGARDLESS OF THE DECISION ON THE PENDING ARMY-NAVY MERGER PROPOSALS.

THE SENATORS ARE: EDWIN JOHNSON, DEMOCRAT OF COLORADO, ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE; AUSTIN, REPUBLICAN, VERMONT; O'MAHONEY, DEMOCRAT, WYOMING; THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TO INDICATE OPPOSITION TO THE MERGER LEGISLATION; DE MATA, AUTHOR OF ONE UNIFICATION PROPOSAL.—ASSOCIATED PRESS.

HEINZ VARIETIES?

WASHINGTON, OCT. 27. THE OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION EXEMPTED TO-DAY FROM PRICE CONTROL 52 MISCELLANEOUS FOOD ITEMS WHOSE ANNUAL RETAIL VALUE IS REPORTED TO BE APPROXIMATELY ONE-TENTH OF ONE PER CENT OF TOTAL CONSUMER EXPENDITURES FOR FOOD.—REUTER.

RADIO

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28th, 1945.

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ZBW HONGKONG Broadcasting on Frequencies of 640 Kilocycles and from 13.50 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 to 10.30 p.m. on 9.47 Megacycles.

H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) & His Boy Friends.

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Songs by Famous Contemporary Tenors.

1.30 p.m.—Rossini—"La Boutique Fantasque."

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Church Service by Rev. Morgan Lewis, R.N.V.R. of H.M.S. Lancashire.

7.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.